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1. ISMAIL INFORMS US THAT SCIENCE MINISTER EL GEBEILI PLANS TO SUGGEST NEW PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES TO BE CONSIDERED AT JWG MEETING, INCLUDING ONE RELATING TO LASER USES. ISMAIL HAS URGED HIM TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ANY SUCH PROPOSALS QUICKLY, AND TO MAKE THEM AS CONCRETE AS POSSIBLE, BUT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ANOTHER WEEK. ISMAIL ALSO PLANS TO MEET SHORTLY WITH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH POSSIBILITIES. SAID HE HAD ALREADY TALKED WITH MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, BUT NOTHING HAD EMERGED.

2. ISMAIL HAS NOT HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPICS SUGGESTED PARAS. 3 AND 4 REFTEL, MERELY COMMENTING THAT THEY SOUND "ATTRACTIVE". EGYPTIAN SIDE WOULD NO DOUBT BE AMENABLE TO INCLUDING PRACTICALLY ANY TOPIC SUGGESTED BY US SIDE, BUT WE DOUBT DISCUSSION WOULD BE VERY USEFUL UNLESS SUCH TOPICS ARE CAREFULLY SPELLED OUT IN ADVANCE, IN AS SPECIFIC TERMS AS POSSIBLE. SUGGEST
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THAT RICHMOND MEET SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL NEXT WEEK WITH

ISMAIL, TO EXPLAIN US IDEAS AND CARRY FORWARD EXPLORATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT RAISED WITH ISMAIL QUESTION ABOUT GUIDELINES FOR OVERHEAD AND SALARY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENTS TO EGYPTIAN SFCP INVESTIGATORS. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSION WITHIN EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL JWG CONTEXT IS NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE MUCH AT THIS TIME EXCEPT EMBARRASSMENT ON EGYPTIAN SIDE. AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, WE THINK IT BEST TO PURSUE THIS MATTER, AS WE ARE NOW DOING, THROUGH DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA. SEPTTEL DESCRIBES LATEST MFA APPROACH TO PROBLEM.

4. UPDATING EGYPTIAN DELEGATION LIST REFTTEL, ISMAIL SAID THAT SCIENCE MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD INCLUDE DR. SAID HADDARA, UNDERSECRETARY IN MIN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH APPARENTLY INSTEAD OF EFFAT); DR. GAMAL ABDEL SAMIE, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMY; AND DR. ADEL SABET. MFA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE SAMY SABET (CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPT.), WHO ALSO ATTENDED RECENT MEETING OF JWG ON EDUCATION/CULTURE.
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